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- ADVISE RIOS MONTT?

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1. (LOU) ACTION REQUEST: CAN EMBASSY LA PAZ
COMMENT ON THE VERACITY OF THE SUPPOSED
REPORT BY THE BOLIVIAN MILITARY?
2. "LA RAZON", THE AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER OF
PUBLISHER JORGE CARPIO NICOLLE, ON OCTOBER 25
PUBLISHED A STORY CLAIMING THAT AN ARGENTINE
MILITARY EXPERT ON DISINFORMATION, JORGE
PATRICIO LYNCH JIMENEZ, AGE 27, WORKED FOR
EX-PRESIDENT JOSE EFRAIN RIOS MONTT UNTIL HIS
AUGUST 8 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.

FOR COORDINATION WITH State

3. (U) THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE CREDITS "WELL-INFORMED"
SOURCES IN LA PAZ WITH PROVIDING THE INFORMATION
BASED ON A REPORT PREPARED BY THE BOLIVIAN MILITARY.

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THE STORY CLAIMS THAT LYNCH JIMENEZ WAS PART OF A PARAMILITARY GROUP ORGANIZED BY FORMER BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT HUGO BANZER AND THAT LYNCH WAS WORKING WITH PIER LUIGI PALLIAI "IN THE **KLAUS BARBIE** SECTION" WHEN HE WENT TO WORK FOR THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT OF GEN. RIOS MONTT IN THE GOVERNMENT PROPAGANDA AND COUNTERINSURGENCY AREAS.

4.(C) COMMENT: OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HERE HAVE NO INFORMATION ABOUT LYNCH JIMENEZ'S SUPPOSED WORK FOR RIOS MONTT. EITHER HIS STAY IN GUATEMALA WAS VERY CLOSELY HELD WITHIN RIOS MONTT' CIRCLE OF ADVISORS, OR THE ARTICLE ITSELF IS ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT THE PREVIOUS REGIME. (SHORTLY AFTER RIOS MONTT WAS DEPOSED, THE GUATEMALAN PRESS CARRIED A SERIES OF STORIES-LATER PROVEN FALSE- CLAIMING THAT RIOS MONTT HAD SUFFERED A MENTAL BREAKDOWN AND HAD BEEN HOSPITALIZED FOR TREATMENT.)

GUATEMALA IS AN ETHNOCENTRIC SOCIETY WHICH DOES NOT LOOK FAVORABLY UPON INVOLVEMENT BY FOREIGNERS IN AREAS REGARDED AS "INTERNAL".
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